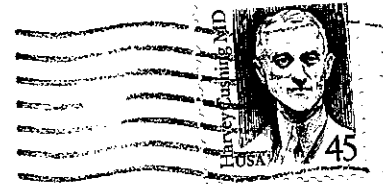


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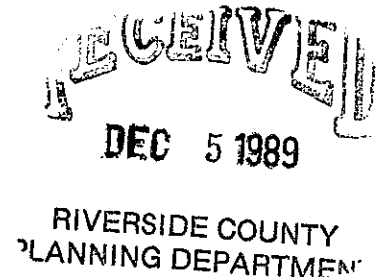
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(Phone 916—445-1825)



November 28, 1989

John Sheldon, Director  
Inland Empire Alliance for Safe Water  
8153 Mission Blvd. #13  
Riverside, CA 92509



Dear Mr. Sheldon:

Your letter of October 29, 1989 to Dr. Joe Ziony has been referred to me for response. The Department of Conservation's Division of Mines and Geology is deeply concerned about environmental issues related to mining in the State of California.

Several agencies are involved in the evaluation, monitoring, and administration of mining projects in the State of California. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is initiated by a lead agency system. Each lead agency is responsible for determining the environmental issues raised by projects within its jurisdiction, by a process of hearing and review. Lead agency decisions incorporate the viewpoints of responsible agencies, trustee agencies, agencies with jurisdiction by law, reviewing judges, consultants, concerned public, and project applicants.

The lead agency responsible for ensuring compliance with the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) is Riverside County. The act (copy enclosed) has the dual purpose of encouraging mineral production and requiring the mine operator to prepare a reclamation plan and execute reclamation of the mined land. A vested rights operation is required to obtain reclamation plan approval from the lead agency. A reclamation plan, according to SMARA, must include several elements. The requirements are often augmented and elaborated upon by the lead agency, which, in keeping with the intent of the legislation, serves to guarantee local control over land uses. Environmental impacts relating to the site reclamation are determined by the lead agency in its review of the reclamation plan. If requested by the lead agency, the Department of Conservation provides consultation as to the completeness and technical accuracy of the document. A reclamation plan is a project under CEQA and is subject to the CEQA process.

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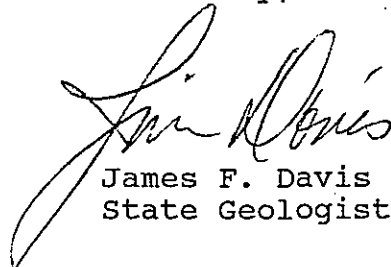
The lead agency concerned with clean up of the Stringfellow toxic waste pit is the Department of Health Services. Their geologists are monitoring the flow of the toxic plume. If you have not already, you should express your concern to the Department of Health Services that the Hubbs quarry blasting may threaten the clean up operation.

The matters of blasting nuisance and permitting are regulated by local government. Due to the locally-based nature of mine permitting in California, you may wish to participate in your county's public hearing process. Public input at the local level is an inherent part of lead agency project reviews, and is particularly important for issues such as the issuing of permits, noise, and other impacts of mining operations.

The mining industry has been important to California's prosperity, and adds significantly to its economic base. However, the Department of Conservation shares your concern about the environmental impacts of mining. Our agency, and others within state government, are making every effort to assure adequate safeguards and sound environmental practices. In this way, we hope to achieve a balance between economic growth and environmental protection.

I encourage you and your organization to continue participation in the public comment and review process at the local level, to assure your specific concerns relating to the Hubbs quarry are addressed. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments on mine permitting and reclamation, please contact James Pompy, Acting Supervising Geologist for the Environmental Protection Program, at (916) 323-8565.

Sincerely,



James F. Davis  
State Geologist

Enclosure

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ATTENTION: PLANNING DIRECTOR;  
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SUBJECT : RECLAMATION PLAN, PYRITE QUARRY  
(FORMERLY STRINGFELLOW)

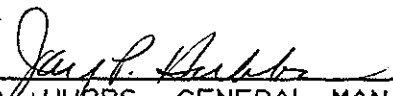
GENTLEMEN;

ENCLOSED ARE THE REVISED UPDATED RECLAMATION PLAN EXHIBITS FOR  
THE PYRITE QUARRY.

IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL ME.

SINCERELY,

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